

and I could not see ourselves signing the death warrants of innocent victims, we must still guard against hard-heartedness and pray for a spirit that is the very opposite of Stalin's depraved sadism. We must plead for divine enablement to fulfil Paul's imperative: "Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:31-32).

Ask Jesus to help you replace any lingering hard-heartedness in your life with His tenderheartedness. And show Christlike compassion to someone today. --VCG

*Lord, take my life and make it wholly Thine;  
Fill my poor heart with Thy great love divine.  
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;  
I now surrender, Lord--in me abide. --Orr*

**As long as vengeance seems sweet, there's bitterness in the heart.**



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### Needed: A Tender Heart

**Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you. --Ephesians 4:31.**

Down through the centuries, calculated cruelty, murderous revenge, and even ghastly torture have made history a long tale of tragedy. Even if you



# Insights for Living

## Standfast in Gentleness 2



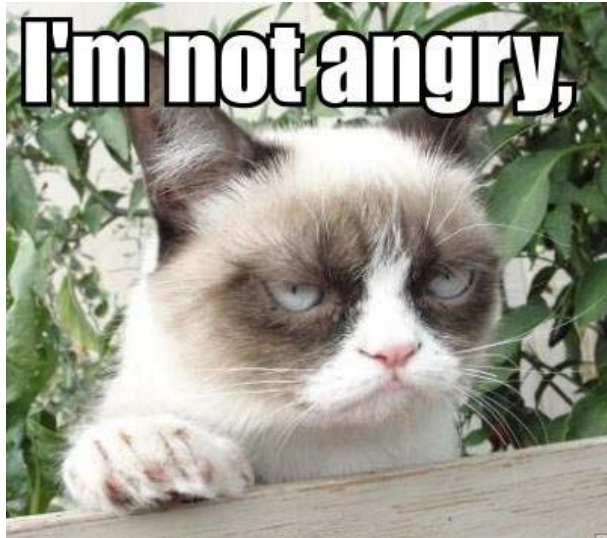
- #1. Standfast in harmony, v2-3
- #2. Standfast in joy, v4
- #3. Standfast in gentleness, v5**
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**(Philippians 4:5)** "Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand."

There are five aspects of anger for us to understand:

1. When anger emerges,
2. Anger as a warning,
3. Anger has bad friends, [last time]

4. \_\_\_\_\_ of anger,  
Ephesians 4:31



**(James 1:19-20)** "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; {20} for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

5. \_\_\_\_\_ of anger, Ephesians 4:31-32

**(Mark 7:20-23)** "... What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. {21} "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, {22} "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. {23} "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

**(Luke 6:43-45)** ""For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. {44} "For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. {45} "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

**(Hebrews 4:12)** "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

**(James 3:14-16)** "But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. {15} This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. {16} For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there."

**(James 4:1-2)** "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? {2} You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask."

